able to them and they also did not pursue the matter due to the considerations received by them; and

(f) what steps have been taken to order full investigation of the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) The details regarding the amounts recoverable from the various drug companies as assessed by the Government on a tentative basis, have been submitted to the House from time to time in reply to a number of Questions. The reasons on account of which the recovery has been of only a meagre amount have also been indicated which include, the pendency of the Writ Petitions filed by the companies concerned, *inter alia*, challenging the correctness, justification and legality of the liabilities worked out by the Government. All relevant records including these papers are available for audit inspection. The audit have already been informed *vide* this Ministry's letter of 22nd January, 1992 to discuss the matter with the officers of this Department. The discussion has not yet taken place.

Non processing of writ petitions

2255. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3104 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th December, 1991 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that writ petitions filed by several companies are not processed for years and allowed to die their own death in his Ministry;

(b) what are the details such as name, product, issues involved and decision in each case where the writ was filed by each company from the inception of DPCO, 1979; and

(c) whether the decision of the court has been fully complied with and if not, what are the reasons for the same:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) To the extent information is available, the details asked for in the question are given in the Annexure.

(*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 52).

(c) The determination of the final liabilities of the companies, in terms of the judgement of the Courts is still in progress.

Crossing limits by M|s. Carews sales turn over

2256. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred question 3115 given in Rajya Sabha on 19-12-1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M|s. Carews crossed the limit of Rs. 50 lakhs in sales turn over in 1984;

(b) whether it is a fact that they extracharged the public by Rs. 0.51 for Alcagel Tablet and by Rs. 0.39 in respect of Orelegin tablets to the consumer for over three years in connivance with the Assistant Development Commissioner (PI); and

(c) when was each application of Combiflame, Alcagel and Carelepin submitted to Government for price approval and when did the company implement Government fixed price in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The omcpany has not disclosed the exact year of crossing the limit of Rs. 50 lacs despite reminders.

(b) The matter is being looked into and the facts shall be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) M|s. Carews had submitted their price applications for the three formulations in August, 1986. The company does not seem to have implemented the prices fixed by the Government.

भोपाल गैस पीड़ितों को अन्तरिम सहायता

2257. श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :
कुमारी सईदा खातून :
श्री कपिल वर्मा :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भोपाल गैस त्रासदी से पीड़ित उन व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें हाल ही में अन्तरिम राहत प्रदान की गई है ; और

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा चालू वित्तीय वर्ष में उक्त राहत पर कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गई है ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्ता मोहन) : (क) 5,00,000 ।

(ख) पीड़ितों को प्रतिमाह 200 रुपए की अंतरिम सहायता का भुगतान करने के लिए मार्च, 1990 में 310.30 करोड़ रु0 की राशि मंजूर की गई थी । उपर्युक्त प्रयोजनार्थ चालू वित्तीय वर्ष में केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा कोई अतिरिक्त राशि मंजूर नहीं की गई है ।

Letters sent by Members of Parliament

2258. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the letters sent to him by the Members of Parliament during 1991-92 and on what subjects;

(b) what are the details of the letters which have neither been acknowledged nor replied; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that all the letters written to him are replied?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) During the year 1991-92, a large number of letters have been received from Members of Parliament on various subjects and such letters are attended to expeditiously and every attempt is made to reply promptly.

Unit value of fertilizers

2259. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the unit value of fertilizers in the form of (N) Nitrophosphate in relation to that of paddy and wheat in different countries like Japan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, U.S.A., U.K., Canada, China, Brazil, Korea, Sri Lank, Malaysia etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): The unit value of fertilizers in the form of 'N' through urea in relation to paddy and wheat in different countries is given below:—